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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: POSSIBILITY OF UNSC MEETING

1. AMB BISHARA OF KUWAIT SOUGHT OUT AMB LEONARD AT UN MAY
8 TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE NEED FOR EARLY MEETING OF THE UN
SECURITY COUNCIL IF THERE IS NOT FORTHCOMING A TIME-
TABLE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. AS HE HAD
EARLIER INDICATED TO SYG, BISHARA CLAIMED TO BE UNDER

INCREASING PRESSURE TO CALL SUCH A MEETING.

2. LEONARD POINTED OUT THAT WITHDRAWAL HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE IN ORDERLY FASHION, IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS WORKED OUT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UN. MOREOVER, PM BEGIN HAD ONCE AGAIN REITERATED ISRAELI INTENTION TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM LEBANON. IN CIRCUMSTANCES LEONARD ARGUED AGAINST SC DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THE QUESTION AT THIS TIME.

3. LEONARD PARTICULARLY POINTED TO PROBLEM FACED BY UNIFIL IN TRYING TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE TO SUPERVISE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, PREVENT RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING AND ENSURE THAT AREA IS NOT USED FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES. WHILE ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY TO HAVE FULL COOPERATION FROM "THE OTHER SIDE" AND ARABS HAD A RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS RESPECT. IF SUCH COOPERATION WERE NOT FORTHCOMING AND INCIDENTS SUCH AS THOSE OF MAY 1-2 RECURRED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR UNIFIL TO BE EFFECTIVE. LEONARD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE WERE TWO SIDES TO A "BARGAIN" INVOLVED HERE, AND IF ONE SIDE DID NOT UPHOLD ITS PART OF THE BARGAIN, IT COULD NOT EXPECT THE OTHER SIDE TO MOVE. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WITHDRAWAL TAKE PLACE IN MANNER THAT ENABLED UNIFIL TO DEPLOY ITSELF EFFECTIVELY. IF ARMED ELEMENTS TRIED TO PREVENT OR PREEMPT THIS, IT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO SYMPATHIZE WITH ANY COMPLAINTS OF ISRAELI PROCRASTINATION ON WITHDRAWAL, TO SAY NOTHING OF SETTING SPECIFIC TIMETABLE.

4. BISHARA SEEMED TO TAKE LEONARD'S POINT BUT URGED STRONGLY THAT WE NOT LEAVE ALL NEGOTIATION OF WITHDRAWAL PLANS TO SYG AND HIS STAFF. YOUNG

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